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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 14 July 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, [redacted], Amory, Kirkpatrick, Colonel White, Messrs. Helms [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

Noted that in certain instances the subject of the briefs prepared of cables pointed up the content of the cable in a too-revealing fashion and asked [redacted] to bring this to the attention of [redacted]. A cable in point is OUT 73855. The Director also stated he believed cables were retained too long in the Office of the Director, and asked [redacted] to establish a system to provide for the destruction (in accordance with Agency Regulations) of all cables received by the O/DCI, after an appropriate length of time -- normally a week or two.

Colonel White:

Reported consideration was being given to employing sons and daughters of Agency personnel -- this to be on a temporary basis and in a clerical capacity during their summer vacations. Colonel White explained that if this was done it would help to alleviate our personnel shortage, and, in particular, assist Colonel Edwards in obtaining security clearances in a shorter period of time. The Director stated he had no objection to this procedure, provided these young people are only used in the overt side of the Agency and would not come in contact with sensitive projects or correspondence classified above SECRET.

Mr. Amory:

a. Reported that the question of policy respecting a [redacted] would be taken up at the NSC Meeting on 30 July after first being considered by the PSB. After some discussion Mr. Helms undertook to prepare a paper on this subject for the Director's use at the PSB Luncheon on either 15 or 22 July.

b. Raised the question of a conference with Ambassador Bohlen and the Director asked DD/I to arrange it.

Mr. Helms:

a. Referred to a comment by [redacted] that Ambassador Conant should have a military officer assigned to his staff who was knowledgeable in political affairs. The Director said he would discuss this with either General Bradley or General Collins.

b. Reported the Agreed Activities Paper had been "noted" by the JIC and it was now proposed that this paper be sent by that Committee to the several overseas commands for their comment. After pointing out that this paper was, in fact, for the benefit of the military and not ourselves, the Director

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Mr. Helms (Continued):

asked Mr. Helms to dispatch copies of it to General Truscott and   
 for their respective comments and recommendations.

c. Noted that General Erskine would be here on the 20th and 21st for briefings and asked the Director if he wished to "kick this off" on the 20th. The Director stated he planned to be out of the city on that date, but indicated his wish to drop in on one of the meetings scheduled for the 21st. Mr. Helms undertook to arrange this.

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